

# **Code of Spiritual and Ethical Practices for Students (Grades 3 – 8) who attend Saint Mary’s School**

To: Parents of Students (Grades 3-8) who currently attend Saint Mary’s School  
From: Monsignor Joseph Diermeier

I presume that you have chosen Saint Mary’s School because of the distinctively Catholic and Christian environment that we try to provide. Speaking for myself and for the entire faculty and staff at Saint Mary’s School, we will attempt to do our best in order to provide a Christian atmosphere at all times throughout the school day.

In order for your child to grow in the values which the Church espouses, the continuity has to exist beyond the school day or school week. Therefore, I ask you as parents to read the following spiritual and ethical practices and be willing to put them into effect as you enroll your child for this school year at Saint Mary’s School. After you have read these and are willing to endorse them, please sign the document and return it to Mrs. Lang, the school secretary.

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**Return signed form to school by Tuesday, September 5, 2023**

With regard to my child, I affirm the following:

1. I understand the importance of the Church’s teaching with regard to the Ten Commandments. I also understand that the Third Commandment reminds us to keep the Lord’s Day holy. Therefore, I will do my part to assist my child in the observance of the Commandments and I will try to make sure that my child attends Mass every Sunday and holy day of obligation. *(Parents who are not Catholic are asked to make this commitment for your child with regard to your respective church denomination.)*
2. I will do my part to encourage my child to practice the works of mercy, both spiritual and corporal. (See the works of mercy in the student book of prayers and faith practices; cf Matt. 25).
3. All forms of bullying are wrong. Therefore, along with school personnel, I will instruct my child to avoid hurting others physically or verbally.
4. I will monitor my child’s use of the internet as well as his/her choices of music and literature so that my child stays away from things that do not reflect the Christian values of Saint Mary’s School.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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